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SUBJECT: FISHERIES LIMITS EXTENSION DRAWS NATIONAL DAY SUPPORT

1. ICELAND'S PLANNED EXTENSION THIS YEAR OF ITS FISHERIES
LIMITS TO 200 MILES WAS UHOFFICIAL KEYNOTE OF NATIONAL
DAY OBSERVANCE JUNE 17.

2. PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, IN NATIONAL DAY
ADDRESS THAT STRESSED NEED FOR DOMESTIC UNITY, SAID HIS
THEME WAS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE AS COUNTRY PREPARED "TO
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INSURE ITS ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE." HE WENT ON, "OUR

GOAL IS TO GAIN GENUINE RECOGNITION BY MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NATIONS OF OUR JURISDICTION OVER 200 MILE FISHERIES ZONE. OUTWARD STRENGTH OF THE NATION IS BASED NOT LEAST ON UNITY WE DISPLAY TO OTHERS AND ABILITY TO SOLVE OUR OWN PROBLEMS."

3. JUNE 17 EDITORIAL OPINION FEATURED SIMILAR VIEWS. INDEPENDENCE PARTY (CONSERVATIVE) DAILY MORGUNBLADID, IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE GREATEST INDEPENDENCE ISSUE," SAID: "THE RIGHT OF THE NATION TO DECIDE ON ITS OWN FISHING IN THE FISHING GROUNDS SURROUNDING THE COUNTRY IS ESSENTIAL FOR (OUR) INDEPENDENCE...FOR THIS REASON WE MUST PLEDGE TODAY THAT WE WILL WORK WHOLEHEARTEDLY TOWARD SUCCESSFUL EXTENSION OF THE FISHING LIMITS TO 200 MILES." COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN WENT SO FAR AS TO DOWNPLAY ISSUE OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IN ICELAND IN FAVOR OF STRESS ON FISHERIES LIMIT QUESTION. PAPER SAID, "THE MOST SERIOUS DANGER WHICH FACES ICELANDERS IN THE FUTURE IS OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE. IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR US TO GAIN A 200-MILE FISHERIES JURISDICTION, TO DRIVE ALL FOREIGN FISHING SHIPS OUTSIDE 50 MILES AS OF THIS FALL, AND TO MAKE THE 200-MILE ZONE EXCLUSIVELY AN ICELANDIC FISHING AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."
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